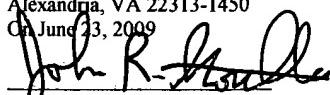


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

M/S RCE
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 2, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated May 7, 2009. The shortened statutory period for response expires on May 2, 2009. The Response is submitted prior to the end of the two month extension period, July 2, 2009. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to submit this response and submit the requisite fee herewith.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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